

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD
APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATE SCHEDULES

DOCKET NO. 3497

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 39-1-1 and 39-3-11 of the General Laws, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) will conduct public hearings on the following dates and locations:

May 8, 2003 @ 7:00 P.M.

Council Chambers, Pawtucket City Hall
137 Roosevelt Street
Pawtucket, Rhode Island

August 13, 2003 @ 10:00 A.M.

Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, Rhode Island

The hearings may continue thereafter from day to day and time to time as required.

In this docket, the Commission will examine the propriety of an application made by the Pawtucket Water Supply Board (“PWSB”) seeking approval to implement new rates designed to collect additional operating revenues in the amount of \$3,157,389, an overall increase of approximately 28% over current revenues. The PWSB has proposed an across the board increase of 28% to all rates and charges. If approved, the impact on a typical residential customer with an annual consumption of 10,000 cubic feet, will be an increase of \$63.16 per year. Additionally, the PWSB proposed an alternate rate design that will include a surcharge to Cumberland ratepayers due to a significant increase in the PWSB’s property tax to Cumberland. If the surcharge is approved, the impact of the alternate rate design will

result in non-Cumberland ratepayers receiving an increase of 25.4% and Cumberland ratepayers an increase of approximately 38.5%. The differential is based on assigning certain incremental property tax increases to only Cumberland customers. The Commission can approve different rates that may be higher or lower than those proposed by Pawtucket Water Supply Board.

The application is on file for examination at the Commission's office and at the office of the Pawtucket Water Supply Board, 85 Branch Avenue, Pawtucket, Rhode Island. The application can also be viewed on line at www.ripuc.org/docket/3497page.html.

Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws; specifically Sections 39-1-7, 39-1-8, 39-1-11, 39-1-12, 39-1-16, 39-1-18, 39-1-20, 42-35-8 and 42-35-10.

THESE BUILDINGS ARE ACCESSIBLE TO THE HANDICAPPED. INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR THE HEARING AND SPEECH IMPAIRED MUST NOTIFY THE COMMISSION CLERK'S OFFICE AT 945-4500, SEVENTY-TWO HOURS IN ADVANCE OF HEARING DATE.

Luly E. Massaro
Commission Clerk
April 25, 2003